

**The City of Springfield, Ohio
City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 8, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Forum**

The meeting was called to order by President Copeland. Roll call was answered by Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

The invocation was offered by Mr. Copeland, who then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, members approved the minutes of the May 25, 2021, Work Session and Legislative Meeting as presented.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

FIRST READINGS—ORDINANCES

The following legislation was read by title only for the first time and requires presentation at a second regular meeting before vote on passage:

58-21 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 1 to the Cropland Lease Agreement [2021-2025] with Berner Farms, to reduce the amount of tillable farm land by approximately 11.4 acres to enable the City to make needed repairs to prevent flooding, and confirming and approving services provided from January 1, 2021 to the passage of this Ordinance.

154-21 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Development Incentive Agreement (Single Family Residential Development) with Ann E. Sparrow to provide for water services to real property outside the City limits.

~~~~~ Next regular City Commission meeting: June 22, 2021. ~~~~~

**SECOND READINGS—ORDINANCES**

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

**138-21      Ordinance No. 21-169: To amend Ordinance No. 91-90, passed March 12, 1991, and commonly known as the Codified Ordinances of The City of Springfield, Ohio, by enacting new Chapter 377 titled *Electric Scooters (E-Scooters)*.**

Mr. O'Neill asked if electric scooters have speedometers as the proposed ordinance indicates a speed limit of 35 miles per hour (mph). Mr. Nathan Smith, a franchisee of Bird Rides Inc. in other Ohio cities, explained the models likely to be used have speedometers and have a maximum speed of 24 mph. However, the speed would likely be limited to 15 mph.

Mr. Rue asked how the location boundaries for using scooters would be established. City Manager Heck indicated the use agreement with the rental company would include location parameters for riders.

Mrs. Chilton asked when scooter rentals could be expected in the city. Mr. Heck explained staff would work with a rental company upon passage of the ordinance and scooters in Springfield could be expected before the end of the summer.

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.    Nay, Mr. O'Neill.

Yeas 4, Nays 1.

**139-21      Ordinance No. 21-170: Confirming and approving a Development Incentive Agreement (Single Family Residential Development) with The Martin Living Trust via Barbara A. Martin, Trustee, to provide for water services to real property outside the City limits.**

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**140-21      Ordinance No. 21-171: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Peterson Construction Company for the Primary Effluent Pumps Replacement and Electrical Upgrades Project for an amount not to exceed \$6,477,000.00.**

Dr. Estrop asked Service Director Moore to describe the proposed project, and Mr. Moore stated the main pumps that move all wastewater to the treatment plant and through the various processes are very expensive to replace.

Mr. O'Neill asked about the life expectancy. Mr. Moore indicated that some pumps are replaced every seven to ten years, but a new configuration will hopefully extend that time.

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**141-21      Ordinance No. 21-172: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Chemco Systems, LP for the Lime Slaker Upgrade Project for an amount not to exceed \$647,040.00.**

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**264-14      Ordinance No. 21-173: Amending the City's Mow to Own Program to enable City staff to record the property deed on behalf of the participant; and directing the City Manager, Law Director and Finance Director to do all things they consider necessary to carry out the Mow to Own Program.**

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**198-20      Ordinance No. 21-174: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 2 to the Subrecipient Funding Agreement Emergency Financial Hardship Assistance [CDBG 2020] with Neighborhood Housing Partnership of Greater Springfield, Inc. to extend the contract completion date to April 30, 2021; and confirming and approving related expenditures from December 31, 2020 to April 30, 2021.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**142-21      Ordinance No. 21-175: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 1 to the Subrecipient Funding Agreement COVID-19 Financial Hardship Assistance Program [HOME Tenant Based Assistance-CV 2020] with Neighborhood Housing Partnership of Greater Springfield, Inc. to extend the contract completion date to April 30, 2021; and confirming and approving related expenditures from December 31, 2020 to April 30, 2021.**

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

### **EMERGENCY ORDINANCES**

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

**12-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-176: Confirming purchases and the obtaining of services for the City and providing for payments therefor; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**155-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-177: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Arcon Builders for the White Box Retail Space Build-Out Project for an amount not to exceed \$364,879.00; and declaring an emergency therein.**

Special Projects Manager Hicks described the retail space design and build project inside the first floor of the parking garage. There is interest for all three spaces, and the contractor expects completion in approximately 120 days after the contract is executed.

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**156-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-178: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Non-Residential Subsidy Grant Agreement for FY 2022 and FY 2023 Community Based Corrections Programs by and between the City and the State of Ohio, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Division of Parole and Community Services, Bureau of Community Sanctions to accept a grant providing funding up to an amount of \$307,584.00 for fiscal years 2022 and 2023, for the operation of a Community-Based Corrections Program by the Clark County Municipal Court; authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director and Court Administrator of the Municipal Court to do all things necessary to implement said Subsidy Grant Agreement and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal legal requirements; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**122-20      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-179: Confirming and approving Change Order No. 3 to the contract between the City and Structural Systems Repair Group, LLC for the WTP Concrete Repairs and WWTP Secondary Clarifiers and Effluent Diversion Concrete Repair, to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$18,825.10, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,775,322.17; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Change Order No. 3; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**157-21**      **Emergency Ordinance No. 21-180: Authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept, if awarded, a FY2021 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Award in an amount up to \$22,618.75 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance; authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director, Law Director and Chief of Police to perform all acts and execute all documents they consider necessary to fulfill the City's obligations under said grant and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal legal requirements; and declaring an emergency therein.**

Upon question by Mrs. Chilton, Police Chief Graf stated a bulletproof vest has a five-year lifespan. The grant would assist with the purchase of vests for new officers and replace those at the end of their five-year cycle. Chief Graf confirmed every officer has a vest.

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

**2-21**      Mr. Copeland spoke of former Mayor Robert L. Burton, Jr. who recently passed away. Mr. Burton served as Assistant Mayor and Mayor from 1970 through 1973. Mr. Burton had an accounting business in Springfield, was a professor at Clark State, and was very active in the community. Mr. Copeland, Mrs. Chilton and Mr. O'Neill each spoke of his support, kindness, and approachability.

**2-21**      Mr. Rue spoke of presenting proclamations to Colonel Kimberly L. Norman and Senior Master Sergeant David Christopher Norman at their joint retirement reception. Both served at the Air National Guard Base in Springfield with a combined 70 years of service.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**2-21**      Ms. Beth Hutchinson, 363 East High Street, spoke on candidates identifying themselves per their political party and asked that commissioners share the citizens' concerns with state officials.

Mr. Copeland noted elected officials of both political parties can serve their citizens well.

**2-21**      Mr. Mike Schantz, 1339 Vester Avenue, reported vandalism to a crane in the downtown area.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The following communications were received and filed:

**15-20**      Notification from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency of 2021 Housing Credits awarded to The Community Gardens II.

**158-21**      Notification from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a liquor permit transfer request from Jerry Dooley dba Frostop Nursery, 3667 South Charleston Pike, to 1920 Kenton LLC dba Kenton Street Market, 1920 Kenton Street.

**159-21**      Notification from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a new liquor permit request for Bob Evans Restaurants LLC dba Bob Evans Restaurant 547, 10 South Tuttle Road.

**160-21**      Notification from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a liquor permit transfer request from Rosemary Demmy Est., Charles Demmy Executor, dba Lantern Bar, 1547 West Pleasant Street, to Charles Montgomery Demmy dba Lantern Bar, 1547 West Pleasant Street.

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There being no further business, on motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 a.m.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.



PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION